

**A RESOLUTION**

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A REVISED  
COMMUNITY GREENSPACE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF  
ATLANTA IN DEKALB COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 02-R-1729, adopted by City Council on November 4, 2002, and approved by the Mayor on November 8, 2002, adopted the City of Atlanta's portion of Fulton and DeKalb Counties' Greenspace Programs as required by the Georgia Greenspace Program grant application process; and

**WHEREAS**, Georgia Greenspace Program grant administrators required various revisions to DeKalb County's program in order to meet state requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing bodies of DeKalb County and the City of Atlanta must adopt the revised program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta City Council recognizes that the preservation of community greenspace is in the best interest of the citizens of our county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta City Council desires to receive grants from the Georgia Greenspace Trust Fund to assist the county in achieving the goal of permanently protecting greenspace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta City Council has established and is maintaining a Community Greenspace Trust Fund as required to receive state grant awards from the Georgia Community Greenspace Program.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the City of Atlanta hereby adopts the Community Greenspace Program described in the report attached to this resolution and by reference incorporated herein, and that said report sets forth the greenspace protection goal for that portion of the City located in DeKalb County and the methods and schedule this body intends to use to achieve that stated goal; and

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Atlanta City Council will diligently pursue the implementation of the Community Greenspace Program as described in the attached report; and

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Atlanta has described the sources of funding for greenspace that are available to the county other than the funds it will receive from the Georgia Greenspace Trust Fund; and

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Atlanta has authorized and established a Community Greenspace Trust Fund to accept grants from the Georgia Greenspace Trust Fund and to accept funds from any other sources consistent with the Georgia Greenspace Program; that such Community Fund is a special revenue fund as defined in O. C. G. A. Section 36-81-2; and that such Community Fund is consistent with the provisions of O. C. G. A. Section 36-22-4, 36-22-7 and 36-22-12 and with the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Chapter 391-1-4 for administering the Georgia Greenspace Program; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Atlanta will enter into a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to receive grant funds from the Georgia Greenspace Trust Fund, by authorizing the Mayor to sign the grant award agreement for the county.



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Beverly Dockeray-Ojo  
Director  
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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Greg Pridgeon

FROM: Beverley Dockeray-Ojo *BDO* Charles C. Graves III, Commissioner *CCG*

DATE: March 17, 2003

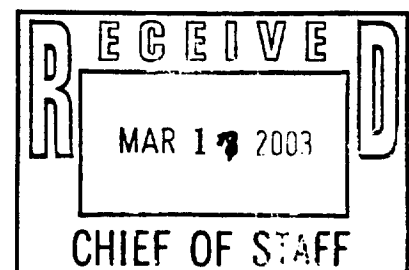
Subject: Resolution adopting REVISED Georgia Greenspace Program for City of Atlanta in DeKalb

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- ☐ Clarifying the particular methods that we will use to protect various land types
- ☐ deleting "tree ordinance" as a greenspace protection tool
- ☐ adding greater emphasis to the City of Atlanta portion of the Program to differentiate it from DeKalb's
- ☐ clarifying actions the City intends to take to overcome legal and structural barriers to protecting greenspace
- ☐ clarifying additional funding sources and amounts the City will use to acquire greenspace.

Although revisions were extensive, the Planning Dept. is of the opinion that the revisions did not significantly alter the substance of the program originally adopted by City Council. Thus, this resolution is essentially a formality.

We will submit the revised program for attachment to this resolution when the State completes their review. We expect this to occur in the next 2 weeks.



# **Georgia Department of Natural Resources**

Lonice C. Barrett, Commissioner  
Harvey G. Young, Greenspace Coordinator

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March 14, 2003

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Re: Adoption of Revised FY-03 Community Greenspace Program

Dear Susan:

Upon completing my review of DeKalb County's consolidated community greenspace program application, there were several parts that needed further clarification to make it fully meet all of the requirements of the statute, rules, and the application template. The enclosed review checklist provides a detailed listing of the deficiencies that were found and recommendations for revisions.

The clarifications that were needed lead to substantial changes to Sections 5, 7, and 8. These three sections are the foundation of a local government's community greenspace program. As such, it became necessary for the governing bodies of DeKalb County and its grantee municipalities to adopt the revised program to ensure the implementation of strategies that may not have been previously described and/or adopted.

Overall, the City of Atlanta has developed a very good and sound community greenspace program. For the most part the recommendations, which pertained to the City of Atlanta's program, were made so that more emphasis could be given to highlight the City's initiatives. From my review of the revised draft, the City of Atlanta had clearly addressed all of the outstanding issues that pertain to its program.

If you have additional questions concerning the adoption and submittal of the revised program application, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Constance Gilliam  
Greenspace Program Officer

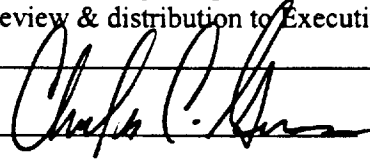
Enclosure

c: Harvey Young

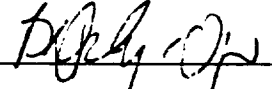
## TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

To Mayor's Office: Greg Pridgeon  
(for review & distribution to Executive Management)

Commissioner Signature



Director Signature



From: Department of Planning & Community Development Contact (name): Susan Rutherford  
ext. 6787

Committee(s) of Purview: CD/HR

Committee Deadline:

Committee Meeting Date: 4/1

City Council Meeting Date: 4/21

### CAPTION:

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### BACKGROUND/PURPOSE/DISCUSSION:

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### FINANCIAL IMPACT (IF ANY):

If the program is fully funded, the City will get approximately \$180,000 for COA-DeKalb. However, there is a high likelihood that the State Legislature may cut Georgia Greenspace Program funds for FY 2003.

Received by Mayor's Office:

Reviewed:

Submitted to Council

DA 3-17-03  
(date)

JS  
(initials)

(date)

(date)

Action by Committee: ☐ Approved ☐ Adversed ☐ Held ☐ Amended ☐ Substitute ☐ Referred ☐ Other